

## *A Confidential Transmission*

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To: Naval Officers Sharp, Jackson, Herrick and Ogier  
From: Secretary of Defense McNamara  
Re: Regarding Crisis at Tonkin Gulf

05 August 64

Officers I expect an official investigative report on my desk by 08:00.  
You are hereby directed to resolve all conflicts in your report.

Include an explanation of how these components came into play:

Your mission	Use of torpedoes	North Vietnamese aggression
Air action reply	Use of gunboats	Supporting facilities
"Desoto Patrol"	Sonar soundings	Bombing of North Vietnam
Vinh target and why	Carriers Ticonderoga and Constellation	
Plot maps of this action	Destroyers Mattock and Turner Joy	
Copies of telegrams being transmitted.		

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